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Response to Amendment

The amendment filed Sept. 13, 2004 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

The original claims 1-3 and 6 should not include a description within brackets as indicated by the applicant, i.e. "(Original)" should not appear after these claims. In claim 4 and 5, the number of times the claim has been amended should be indicated in the brackets and not the term "Currently amended" or "Previously amended". All of the claim subject must be underlined in claims 7-26 since these claims were added to the originally patented claims. In claims 7-26, the number of times the claim has been amended should be indicated in the brackets and not the term "Previously added" or "Previously amended" as indicated by the applicant. The applicant also failed to provide the status of all of the claims and support for the claim changes. See MPEP 1453 and Rule 1.173 for the proper manner of making amendments in reissue applications.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K. Green whose telephone number is (703) 308-1011. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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